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Registration Plates Have New Feature

Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin announced at a press conference in his office today that for the first time in our history the word MASSACHUSETTS will be spelled out in full on 1967 plates.

The new reflectorized aluminum plates will have numerals and letters in dark blue on a silvery white background.

The aluminum plates will have the advantage of a five-year life expectancy and will be validated by sticker for subsequent years. Adoption of these plates will result in savings of approximately 1/2 million dollars to the State because of manufacturing and mailing cost.

"The brilliant visibility of the new plates will constitute a major safety gain," the Registrar said, "as well as facilitate the police in night-time identification of motor vehicles."

Applications for reserved plates numbered four or less or two numbers or less with a letter prefix or suffix, and so-called "Vanity" plates must be returned to the Registry during the month of September. Applications for other reserved plates should be filed before Oct. 14 at the Boston Office only.

Applications for numbers over 100,000 will not be accepted by mail prior to Oct. 3. The date that they will be accepted over Boston and branch office counters will be announced later.

All applications must be accompanied by proper fees—unreserved plates—\$6, reserved plates—\$8, and Vanity plates—\$15.

Plans Fall Bridal



MISS PATRICIA A. NEGRUCCI

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Negrucci of 722 Suffield St., Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, Ann, to Mario J. Sakellis, son of Mrs. John Sakellis, and the late Mr. Sakellis of 41 Grover St., Springfield. A Fall wedding is planned. Miss Negrucci is a graduate of

Agawam High School and the Westfield Teachers College. This Fall she will teach in the Enfield Elementary School system.

Mr. Sakellis is a graduate of Classical High School, American International College and Springfield College. He is employed by the West Springfield YMCA as Youth Program Director.

YMCA To Sponsor Two Flag-Football Leagues

The Agawam Community Y.M.C.A. will again conduct two flag-football leagues for its members this fall. Walter McCarthy

who directed the leagues last year will again be in charge of operating the program for boys in fifth through eighth grade.

The League will hold its first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 10th and continue every Saturday morning until the schedule is played out. The Junior High School league will play at 10 a.m. and the 5th and 6th grade teams will compete at 11 a.m.

McCarthy said that each team is limited to ten boys and all boys must play at least one-half a game. Boys interested in playing in the league should register by calling or visiting the Y.M.C.A. Office 108 Perry Lane.

McCarthy also asked the fathers and high school boys interested in volunteering as coaches and officials notify the "Y" Office. Winning teams in both age groups are awarded trophies at the annual Sports Night Banquet in the Spring.

Local Teachers

Receive Degrees

James V. Bruno, Jr., of Kensington St., Feeding Hills, received his Masters Degree in Education from State Teachers College, Westfield, on Aug. 12th.

He is a Science teacher in the Agawam School System and assistant football coach at the high school. James, better known as "Turk" in his football days, is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Miami.

Thomas E. O'Keefe, of Mill St., Agawam, received his Masters Degree in Education from State Teachers College, Westfield, on Aug. 12th. Mr. O'Keefe also teaches in the Agawam School System.

1750 Students Register At Western N. E. College

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. — The John D. Churchill Library and the Administration Building at Western New England College was the busiest area on campus yesterday as members of the business office, admissions department and registrars office registered an estimated 1750 students for the fall term of evening school.

Until Friday, September 2, students from all over Western Massachusetts and some communities in Connecticut, will enroll in one of the college's three evening schools—business administration, engineering or law. Classes for the evening division begin on Tuesday, September 6.

For the third consecutive year, all classes will be held on Western New England College's eight-year old campus and all of the facilities—32 classrooms, 10 laboratories, computer and data processing centers and lounges will be available to the students.

By all advance indications, evening school enrollment this year could be the biggest yet with some 172 students expected to enroll in the school of law, another 282 in the graduate program of business administration, 645 in the undergraduate program of business administration and an additional 505 in the school of engineering.

Two special programs to be conducted during the evening which have proven to be exceptionally popular—The Real Estate Institute and Purchasing Institute will again be offered. The Real Estate Institute, conducted in cooperation with the Springfield Board of Realtors will be beginning its 11th year. The Purchasing Institute, planned in cooperation with the Purchasing Agent's Association of Western Massachusetts, will be starting its ninth year of classes on campus.

WNEC students will have a wide variety of courses to choose from and a grand total of 83 courses in all during the evening school sessions. According to the registrars office, there will be 25 courses in the undergraduate pro-

gram of business administration, 18 in engineering, seven in the graduate section of business administration and 16 in the law program.

Registration times have been set at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local UMass.

Honor Students

AMHERST, Mass. — Approximately one out of every five undergraduates at the University of Massachusetts is an honor student, according to figures released for the second semester of the 1965-66 academic year by the registrar's office.

Of the 1872 on the honor's list, 201 achieved first honors, an average of 3.8 or higher (4.0 is equivalent to all A's).

The following are local honor students: Elizabeth M. Ferry of 69 Senator Ave., Gary F. Strniste of 76 Monroe, Joan V. Magistri of 107 Franklin St., Susan I. Ruckstuhl of 173 Parkview Dr., Robert G. Oppenheimer of 122 Edward St. and Paul R. Halbach of 66 Elbert Rd., Agawam.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The fifth game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Helen Sampson, Philip Blauveet, Eugene Knightly and Rose Jolly.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Gaston Allard, Hazel McNamara, Gladys Cortes and Margaret O'Connor. Ladies Ace prize was won by Margaret O'Connor and George Pierce for the men.

High score prizes were awarded to: Ladies—1st Amelia Riggett, 2nd F. Panaretos, 3rd Maude McMahon, 4th Margaret O'Connor; Men—1st Harold Landers, 2nd Les Newcomb, 3rd Mr. Franchere, 4th G. Allard.

The next card party will be held same day . . . time . . . place,

Molta-Thomas To Open Local Insurance Office

Mr. Daniel Molta and Mr. Rene Thomas, both Agawam residents, have combined their talents to establish a new insurance agency in Agawam. The new enterprise will be known as the Molta and Thomas Insurance Agency and will handle all forms of insurance.

Mr. Daniel Molta resides at 22 Vernon St., Agawam, with his wife, Nancy, and their three children. Mr. Molta is a graduate of Agawam High School and American International College.

Mr. Rene Thomas resides at 417 River Rd., Agawam, with his wife, Irene, and their two children. Mr. Thomas is a graduate

of American International College and the University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Business.

Jeserski Receives Degree At Bryant

John Edward Jeserski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jeserski of 378 North West St., Feeding Hills, received a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Bryant College, Providence, R.I.

Reminder Of New Laws

SPEEDOMETERS

Effective Oct. 30, 1966

Whoever, with intent to misrepresent to a prospective purchaser the number of miles traveled by a motor vehicle, turns back or readjusts the speedometer or odometer shall be punished by a penalty of \$100 fine. Evidence that the dealer or person licensed under section 59 of Chapter 140, by himself or by another turned back or readjusted the speedometer or odometer shall constitute prima facie evidence of such intent to misrepresent.

THREE WARNINGS MEAN SUSPENSION

Now in effect

If the Registrar receives three written warnings from enforcement personnel on the same offender within any calendar year, he shall forthwith suspend the license or right to operate of such person for a period of seven days, from which there shall be a right of appeal, but such appeal shall not stay the operation of such suspension.

MOTORCYCLE HANDLEBARS

Now in effect

The Registrar, after a hearing, may make, amend or rescind, rules and regulations relative to handlebars on motorcycles. Violators of such rules or regulations shall be punished by a fine

of not more than \$25 for the first offense and not more than \$50 for the second or subsequent offense. (The Registrar has ruled that the handlebars must be not more than 15 inches in height above the uppermost portion of the seat when depressed by the weight of the operator.)

JUNKING MOTOR VEHICLES

Now in effect

Before junking or authorizing junking of a motor vehicle, registration number plates and vehicle identification plates shall be removed and forwarded to the Registrar by any person licensed under sections 54 and 59 of Chapter 90.

DRIVING AGE

Effective Jan. 1, 1967

A junior operator's license may be issued to a minor under 18 who is at least 17 or to a person under 17 who is at least 16 1/2 and who has successfully completed a driver education and training course approved by the Registrar. Such licensee under 18 may not operate between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The Learner's Permit will be good for one year, until a license has been issued, or until three examinations for a license have been taken during that time.

Support Passage Of Senate Bill 889

Irving H. Chase, president of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, urged the leaders of the Massachusetts State Senate today to pass the Community Health Bill, S. 889, which has been in the Senate Ways and Means Committee since June 6. He sent the following telegram to Senate President Maurice A. Donahue, Senate Minority Leader Philip A. Graham, Senate Majority Leader Kevin B. Harrington, Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman James F. Burke, and Public Welfare Committee Chairman Beryl W. Cohen:

"Senate Bill 889 which strengthens the Department of Mental Health through provision of bad-

CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sr. Choir Director
Mrs. Ronald Ashton,
Jr. Choir Director
July 3-10-17-24-31

Sundays—9:30 a.m. Combined worship services with the Feeding Hills Congregational Church in our church. Nursery for infants . . . Rev. Arthur Sweeney will conduct the services.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

UNION SERVICES
Sunday—9:30 a.m. Union Services with the Agawam Congregational Church will be held at the Baptist Church . . . Rev. Floyd Bryan will preach the sermon. The Nursery will be in session during the worship hour.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music
Sunday—July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 9:30 a.m. Union Services in the Baptist Church, Rev. Floyd Bryan preaching.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist
July 10-17-24-31
Sunday—9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service at Agawam Methodist Church—Nursery for infants, Rev. Sweeney will conduct services.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta, CSS Rector.
Rev. Samuel Fayad, CSS.
Saturday—4-5:30 p.m. and 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. confessions.
Mass Schedule
Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: 7 a.m.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar
Sunday—8 a.m. Worship services; 10 a.m. Worship services . . . Officiant at services will be Very Rev. Rush W. D. Smith, Canon to the Ordinary and member of the Diocesan staff.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
Mass Schedule
Daily Mass—7 a.m.
Saturday—8 a.m. Mass—4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.
Sunday—7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Mass.
Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa Novena Devotions.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
Daily Mass: 7 a.m.
Holy Day Masses: 7, 8 a.m. and 6, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.
Wednesday—7 p.m. Boy Scouts meet.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
Saturday—4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Confessions.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. Masses.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary
Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Service at Old Storowton Church, West Springfield, Eastern States Expositions Grounds.



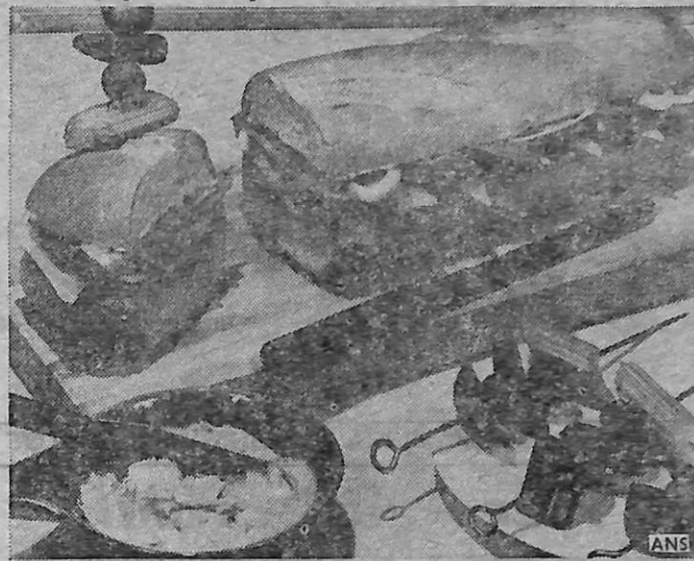
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Super-Duperoo Hero for Teens



ACTUALLY, TODAY'S TEENS haven't changed much. They still eat at any time, although the hero sandwich has replaced the simple after school snack. Here's a super sandwich of heroic proportions from the R. T. French Co. Test Kitchens, noted for its delicious Mustard-Cheese Butter Spread.*

SUPER-DUPEROO HERO

1 loaf (14 oz.) Italian bread; Mustard-Cheese Butter, recipe below; 8 lettuce leaves; mayonnaise; 8 slices bologna; French's Prepared Yellow Mustard; 2 slices Swiss cheese; 2 large dill pickles, cut in long slices; 1 or 2 onions, thinly sliced; 4 tomatoes, peeled and sliced; 6 slices pressed ham.

*MUSTARD-CHEESE BUTTER

2 tbsp. Prepared Yellow Mustard; 1 envelope (1-3/8 oz.) French's Cheese Sauce Mix; 1/4 cut soft butter. Combine ingredients. Blend until smooth. Makes 2/3 cup.

Split loaf lengthwise. Remove 1-inch layer of soft bread from bottom half (for room to cradle many layers). Spread generously top and bottom cut surfaces with Mustard-Cheese Butter. On bottom half arrange in layers: lettuce leaves, dotted with mayonnaise; 4 slices of bologna, spread with yellow mustard; Swiss cheese slices, halved; dill pickle; again lettuce leaves, dotted with mayonnaise; remaining bologna; onion rings; tomato slices; pressed ham. Replace top of bread. Cut in 4 portions. Garnish with skewer holding these relish snacks: square of green pepper, radish, sweet gherkin pickle, olive, and crisp celery. 4 servings.

Stigmatine Fathers Announce . . .

The Stigmatine Fathers will conduct a retreat for engaged couples over the weekend of September 2-4, 1966 (Labor Day Weekend), at the Espousal Retreat House in Waltham, Mass.

These retreats, which have been successfully conducted for the past several years, begin on a Friday night and end on a Sunday afternoon. They are intended for couples who are seriously considering marriage in the foreseeable future and are concerned with preparing for a Christian marriage. Those of all denominations and of mixed faiths have made these retreats in the past and are most welcome in the future.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
West Springfield, Mass.
Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service with a Gospel Message by Pastor Garner. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. evening service conducted by Pastor Garner.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m., "Hour of Power," midweek prayer meeting and service.

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Sunday School picnic will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, at Camp Northfield, Northfield, Mass.

Rowers Still At It

New York
Two British paratroopers rowing the Atlantic are in good shape after making more than two-thirds of the distance, the Coast Guard reports.

The British tanker Haustellum gave Capt. John Ridgway and Sgt. Shay Blyth food and water Aug. 13 and reported the men in good health and still rowing, the Coast Guard said.

The men left Cape Cod, Mass., in the 22-foot rowboat on May 25 and had rowed more than 1900 miles, leaving them 840 miles short of the goal, Land's End, England.

Safety glasses with shatter-resistant lenses offer your eyes extra protection from accidental injury, points out the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Blindness. If you need glasses, you need safety glasses.

COLLEGE NEWS

Springfield, Mass. — American International College football coach, Gayton Salvucci, will welcome 39 candidates Wednesday morning, Aug. 31, for the opening of a two-a-day practice sessions. The Yellow Jackets will open their nine-game schedule Sept. 17 against the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Returning local Yellow Jackets include: Philip DeForge, end man; Edward Harashuk and Robert Polopek, halfbacks, all of Agawam.

Notre Dame, Ind. — Michael Ferrero of 376 Suffield St., Agawam, has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the 1966-67 academic year. Michael, a sophomore, is majoring in chemistry.

Reynard F. Milici of 21 Virginia St., Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1965-66 academic year.

Ann Marie Graziano of 83 South West St., Feeding Hills, a June graduate of Holyoke Community College, has been accepted at American International College, according to a report made by Burton A. Butler, Dean of Students.

Waste Collections

ROUTE 10

Friday, Aug. 26—Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Alfred, Autumn, Bailey, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Trinity Ter., Warren and Western Dr.

ROUTE 1

Monday, Aug. 29 — Arnold, Broz, Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, McKinley, Maynard, Norman, Norman Terrace Ext., North, Oak Lane, Robin Lane, Sherman Ave., Sylvan Lane, Taft, Walton Lane, Wilbert Ter., Wilson and Woodland.

ROUTE 2

Tuesday, Aug. 30 — Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Aubudon, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hasting, Hayes Ave., Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Ridgeway, Sylvan, White and Witheridge.

ROUTE 3

Wednesday, Aug. 31 — Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut Street Ext. and Winthrop St.

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Thursday, Sept. 1 — Amherst, Barn Rd., Belvedere, Brookline, Columbus, Giffin Pl., Greenacre Lane, Henry, Highland, Homestead Ave., Keating, Kensington, Mill, Morris, Norris, Northwood, Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal, Royal Lane, Springfield, Twin Oaks Rd. and William St.

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Round The Town



By Ann Naal
phone ST 8-8996

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Foster of Reed St., Agawam with their children James and Bruce have returned from a vacation spent at the Maine beaches, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fullerton, and Mrs. James B. Martin, Mrs. Foster's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morin, Sr. of 336 Meadow St., Agawam have returned from a ten day vacation spent in Kankakee and Lansing, Illinois. While in Illinois the Morins were guests of their daughter and son and their families, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morin, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Spinelli and family, of 16 Park St., Feeding Hills have returned home from a week's vacation spent in Washington D.C. While in Washington the Spinelli family visited the museums, and historical landmarks.

Miss Kathleen M. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Martin of Mill St., Agawam, graduated Aug. 7th at Burbank Hospital School of Nursing, Fitchburg. While attending the school she was class parliamentarian, a member of the Student of the Year Committee, Glee Club, House Committee, chairman and member of various school and class projects and committees. Kathleen was a '63 graduate of Agawam High School.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank E. Dunn and family of Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills, returned today from a two weeks vacation at the home of Rev. John P. Fitzsimmons at South Yarmouth at Cape Cod.

More than 4,350 children suffer eye accidents in this state each year.

On The Lawn

with LARRY LAWRENCE

I can't remember a hotter summer, can you? Records have been broken all across the country, not only for maximum readings but for long spells of broiling day-after-day heat without relief. All of which has been tough on lawns as well as people.

The watering picture has varied considerably from place to place, being somewhat improved in the northeast but worse in parts of the midwest. But even where it has been possible to use a sprinkler regularly, grass has had a hard time. Like mad dogs and Englishmen, a lawn stays out in the noonday sun regardless.

One result of the heat has been to provide a searing test of the various grass varieties. Some have just burned right up. Others have struggled along in a very weakened condition. One, Windsor, has actually seemed to thrive on the heat.

It was only three years ago that blends of Windsor were made generally available, and this has been the first really long spell of record breaking temperatures since then. And as a result of its performance this summer I expect it will be more widely used than ever. Best time to plant it, of course, is from mid-August to the end of September, the naturally right time for improving any lawn.

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YOU AND YOUR INSURANCE

(A public service column about property and casualty insurance)
by KENNETH S. RAFFOL

AUTO INSURANCE PREMIUMS BASED ON MANY FACTORS

"Everyone I speak to seems to pay a different premium for his automobile liability insurance," writes a reader. "Why?"

Automobile insurance companies insure nearly 80 million motorists every year. Because everybody is a little bit different, everybody represents a different accident potential when they get behind the wheel of an auto. Obviously, it would be unfair to make everyone pay the same amount for their insurance when they present different accident potentials.

With this in mind, insurance companies have designed a schedule of rates to make the sharing of auto insurance costs as equit-

and still others for business or farming uses.

Finally, rates vary from area of the country to another—from one area of a state to another—even from city to city depending upon the overall accident potential of drivers in each state.

This column will be glad to answer questions you may have about property or casualty insurance. Send them to The Agawam Independent, marked to the attention of Kenneth S. Raffol.

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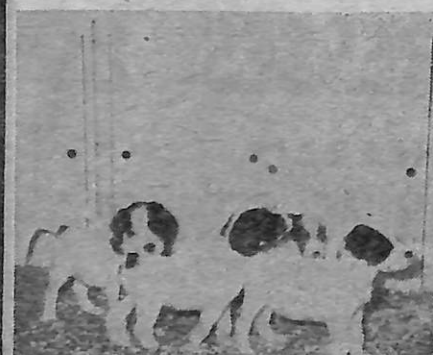
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Sales Tax

There will be two referendums on the sales tax on the November 8th ballot. Politicians view it as a major campaign asset for Gov. John A. Volpe in his quest for the first four year gubernatorial term.

Organized labor was responsible for placing the issue of repeal of the controversial sales tax on the ballot. Also, when the Legislature passed the sales tax bill, it included a provision for a vote by the people on whether or not they favored the law passed by the legislature.

The labor backed repeal referendum, however, will be binding. The Legislature law is a public policy question and is not binding on the lawmakers.

Governor Volpe is making the sales tax a major issue in his campaign. He figures that the revenue from the sales tax is making such an important im-

pact on local property taxes that it will be a political plus for him in his quest for votes.

In addition, the Massachusetts city and town officials have organized a new agency called the Alliance for Fiscal Responsibility in Massachusetts (AFFIRM) to fight for retention of the sales tax as essential to the fiscal well-being of the municipal governments.

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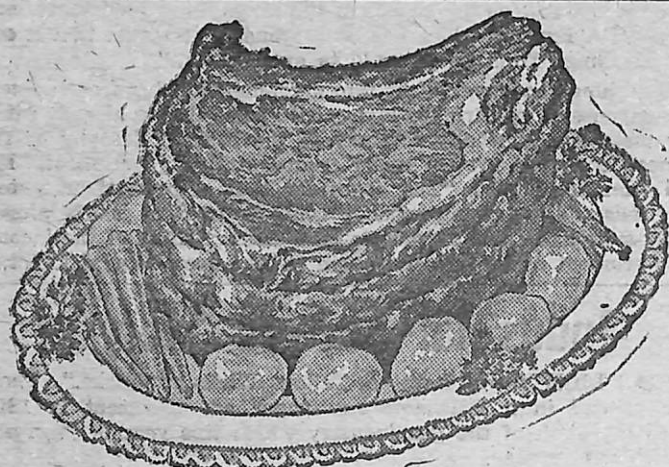
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Questionable Postal Policy

Mr. John Chamberlain, the nationally known newspaper columnist, recently devoted one of his columns to proposed legislation that would double the size and weight limits of objects carried by parcel post. He bluntly says that such a move, practically speaking, would mean the end of REA Express and other common carriers that have carried on the tradition of the famous Pony Express and the old Wells-Fargo freight forwarding business.

The only reason offered for the move to expand parcel post is that it would increase slightly the net revenue of the Post Office Department. Whether it actually would or not is debatable, in the light of the deficit record of parcel post. In the meantime, the country stands to lose the benefit of the taxpaying common carriers, such as REA Express which has been proud of its boast that it can carry anything "from an emerald to an elephant."

Launching the government into a commercial, tax-free business at the expense of existing taxpaying enterprise that is already satisfying customers is wholly contrary to the basic philosophy of the American economic system under representative government. Mr. Chamberlain concludes, "The argument that a government enterprise needs added earning capacity could be used to justify almost any tax-subsidized raid on private businesses. Think of the income the government could grab if it were to take over General Motors."

Industrial Success Story

"GAS LIGHTS—Without oil, Tallow, Wicks or Smoke." These words printed in a Baltimore newspaper advertisement in 1816, marked the birth of the gas industry which this year is observing its 150th anniversary.

Referred to as "the ring beset with gems of light", gas began as a source of illumination and was even credited with a period of American history—the Gaslight Era. With the coming of the electric light in the late 1800's, gas took on a new role as a producer of heat. It has since become a sophisticated, all-purpose, total source of energy in factories, commercial buildings and homes.

The natural gas industry today supplies one third of the energy requirements of the nation and ranks sixth in terms of capital investment. Gas companies with their 765,400 mile nationwide grid of field and gathering lines, transmission systems and local distribution mains serve some 38 million customers with energy for cooking, heating, cooling, air conditioning, incinerating and a raw material used in manufacturing chemicals and plastics.

The success story of the natural gas industry is a long way from being complete: With a future even brighter than its past, the observance of its 150th anniversary is a tribute to an industry which has not only stimulated the growth of the American economy but has contributed heavily to the nation's wealth. It is a story of how, through the genius of free enterprise, the flickering of an idea unfolded into a major job-producing, taxpaying, investor-owned industry upon which the nation has become heavily dependent. Happy Birthday to the gas industry.

Support Passage . . .

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ly needed additional staff positions at competitive salaries and promises creation of true community mental health centers through delegation of the right of approval of local appoint-

ments, plans, and budget requests to citizens' boards will restore Massachusetts to leadership in this important field. In the name of the thousands of mentally ill and their families we urge your support to passage of Senate Bill 889."

Stash That Trash!



This teen-ager is picking up roadside litter that just one car strews along the nation's highways in a year. Spread out one inch deep, it covers a 108 sq. ft. area. Multiplied by 74,693,000 private passenger cars, that's a lot of litter. To help keep America litter-free and beautiful, Kleenex tissues is sponsoring an anti-litter campaign to encourage the use of car litter baskets, emptied frequently into roadside or home trash disposers. Peak litter season lasts through Labor Day.

Vanity Plates Go Over Big In Massachusetts

Massachusetts is finding extra revenue in number plates. With the "vanity plate" law only a half year old, it has already drawn a quarter of a million in the state treasury.

"By Labor Day," says Registrar Richard L. McLaughlin, "we expect to have 40,000 vanity plates on the road."

Some 25,000 cars now have their owners' personal brands while tens of thousands of applications are in the works. The registry is swamped. Demand has not slackened.

The registrar says he personally passes on the property of all letter-figure combinations. Most applicants list a number of its choices. Some are turned down. Then the "numbers" are fed into a computer to weed out duplications. There are many.

Registrar McLaughlin pointed to a high stack of vanity-plate cards on a table in his office—some 4,000 of them. "There," he said, "is my homework."

Although the plates are not tied in with a safe-driving campaign, as in some states, the registry requires a clear highway record for at least two years.

The registrar told why he backed vanity-plate legislation. In his view they mean:

Better law enforcement.

The bulk of the status plates contain four or fewer units. "Thus," said the registrar, "they're easier to read." Many spell simple words which can be identified quicker than a six-figure plate.

Added revenue.

The additional income for the highway fund is enormous and is rising rapidly. With a \$9-a-year extra tab for the "personal plates," and 25,000 already on the road, the new income so far this year is nearly \$250,000.

Winning over a "hostile citizenry."

"People," said the registrar, "often are antigovernment. They are suspicious. This is an opportunity to take status plates out of the shadow of political taint and bring them into the open."

It boils down to dollars and cents. The motorist pays for the "status"—all part of an effort to humanize the registry.

Hundreds of motorists filed for 007. Although ruled out the registrar, the registry allows the 007 tag if preceded by initials. One motorist came up with OHOH7.

You'll see a VOLVO, a HONDA, a YAMAHA, and a BOZO. There are plenty of PTs, including 109. One motorist advertises he's BROKE.

Volkswagen owners took the cue. Among them: BUG, VOLKS, VW, VW 1066, VW 1965, VW BUG, and VW BUS.

Buick owners aren't shy either. Buick, yes; but also BUICK 1, 2, and 3. And a Brockton man came up with—EDSEL.

And so the great highway numbers game is on. Next year, forecasts Registrar McLaughlin, 100,000 vanity plates will be on the road.

September 1, 1880—The first national lawn tennis matches were held at the Staten Island Club, New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y. Twenty-three entrants competed for the first prize, a silver cup valued at about a hundred dollars.

Children do not "outgrow" crossed eyes. To prevent possible loss of sight, crossed eyes should be treated before the child reaches four years of age, counsels the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Questions and Answers

Q. What does the hospital insurance under medicare pay for?

A. Costs of hospital care; post-hospital extended care in a skilled nursing home; home health visits following hospitalization; and outpatient hospital diagnostic services.

Q. How many days of hospital care are covered and how much will I have to pay?

A. Up to 90 days of hospital care, in each spell of illness, with the payment of a deductible of \$40 for a stay up to 60 days and \$10 a day toward the cost of any days past 60 days that you remain in the hospital.

Q. What is a "spell of illness?"

A. A "spell of illness" begins when you enter the hospital and ends after you have been out of the hospital (or out of a nursing home) for 60 consecutive days.

Q. What hospital services and care are covered?

A. Services and care ordinarily furnished for persons admitted as inpatients to general hospitals. Covered services include:

a. Semi-private room and board (2 to 4 beds). Payment is made for a private room only where there is medical justification, e.g. where the patient needed to be isolated. Otherwise the patient is responsible for the difference between the semi-private and private room rates.

b. Regular nursing services, but not private duty nursing.

c. Services of residents and interns under professionally approved teaching programs.

d. Drugs and biologicals furnished in the hospital.

e. Blood transfusions, except for the first three pints (unless replaced by a donor).

f. Services of technicians and other non-physicians in the fields of radiology, pathology, anesthesiology, and psychiatry—but not the services of physicians.

Q. Does medicare cover the costs of a stay in a psychiatric or tuberculosis hospital?

A. Yes, it covers care in a psychiatric or tuberculosis hospital for up to 90 days in each spell of illness, with the same \$40 deductible and payment of \$10 a day for each day past 60 days of hospitalization. There is, however, a lifetime maximum of 190 days of covered care in a psychiatric hospital. For care in psychiatric or tuberculosis hospitals to be covered, it must include active treatment to cure or improve the condition.

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TANCRATI CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR

Former Springfield city councilman, Michael W. Tancrati, Democratic nominee for state senator from the Hampden-Berkshire District, issued the following statement.

Research has brought out the fact that in the last 10 years there has been a steady influx of low-income groups into our cities. The majority of these vast, steadily increasing groups are not proficient in skills. Today's advances in industrial methods call for a minimum of unskilled labor. Since it is possible to project that the need for unskilled personnel will grow even smaller, these people will be placed in a position unattractive to the industrial employer.

If positive steps are not forthcoming to counteract unemployment among the unskilled, costs to the taxpayers will soar. Welfare costs now moving steadily upward will skyrocket. The only direct solution to this enlarging problem is federal sponsored programs to train the unskilled. Presently, such training has created skilled people from the unskilled. However, these programs are insufficient because of the increasing influx of low-income groups. The growing need to push large crash programs toward training the unskilled is a direct solution, either through federal subsidy or in-plant retraining. The utilization of federal funds in a coordinated effort, directed to teach people new skills so that they may become self-sufficient if necessary.

An analysis of today's unemployed shows that the bulk of this group consists of the unskilled. These people are entitled to gainful employment and self-respect as individuals. An intelligent appraisal of this situation indicates the necessity of educating and training in the skills which are in demand and short supply. The facilities to handle and expedite these programs are our public trade and technical schools which are geographically convenient. The summer vacation periods and evening occupancy of these facilities are available.

Michael W. Tancrati

The ALA says drivers who drink often spend time in the clink.

BELLOTTI—CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Formation of an education division within the Attorney General's office to promote a greater understanding and respect for law was proposed today by Democratic Attorney General Candidate, Francis X. Bellotti.

Bellotti said the program will be geared to advancing regard for law and order and also to assess public opinion on sensitive issues pertaining to law.

It would involve lectures in classrooms ranging from high school to collegiate levels, and would be carried out by assistant attorney generals of the department.

"In a period where breakdown in law is commonplace, we must endeavor to give law strength and attempt to diminish it as a threat to all mankind," Bellotti said. "An intensive program to promote law should be well identified within the attorney general's office."

Bellotti said several leading educators have demonstrated enthusiasm for the project.

"They feel that lectures on law and an exchange of ideas can be a creative movement in promoting law, particularly in segments of education where heretofore limited exposure to law discussions has been the rule," Bellotti said.

In turn, Bellotti commented, the attorney general's office can garner sentiments on student thinking and translate their views into promoting creative legislation in various areas.

Bellotti said the program could be set up within a three-month period and offered on an invitational basis throughout the country.

FERNANDES HOLDS NO LICENSES

It has become apparent that the public at large is being confused in the matter involving our Beer and Wine Package Store licenses.

To begin with, the licenses we do hold are Beer and Wine licenses, not the All Alcoholic Beverage licenses for the sale of so-called "hard liquors." Secondly, the importance of a Beer and Wine license in a supermarket seems to be "blown out of proportion" when, in fact, the sales of Beer and Wine in a supermarket represent less than 1 per cent of sales. It is also a matter of



JOSEPH E. FERNANDES

common knowledge that Beer and Wine licenses go begging for the lack of interested applicants.

Furthermore, it continues to be repeatedly stated in the press that I, Joseph E. Fernandes, am the personal holder of three Beer and Wine licenses. THIS IS NOT TRUE. The licenses are held as follows: My wife, Mrs. Annabelle W. Fernandes holds two licenses and another which awaits the approval of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Mrs. Fernandes is neither a stockholder nor an officer or director of Fernandes Super Markets, Inc., and never has been. Fernandes Super Markets, Inc., a corporation under Massachusetts law, holds two such Beer and Wine licenses.

It is a matter of public record that I, as a person, do not now, nor have I ever owned the controlling interest in Fernandes Super Markets, Inc., nor have I ever held alcoholic beverage licenses in my own name.

The question then, in our case, seems to be whether the wife of a minority stockholder of a corporation which holds liquor licenses, can legally hold licenses in her own right. In our opinion, we believe she can and this opinion is shared by all astute legal minds.

Although we sincerely feel we have compiled with the law, I wish to restate that I concur with Mr. Christy to the extent that, if an ambiguity exists in the law, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to make its intent clear and beyond doubt.

Many friends have advised and attempted to persuade us to relinquish the licenses in question for reasons of political expediency and also because the sales of Beer and Wine represent such a small part of our total sales. I have consistently declined to do so because I feel that we are within our legal rights. Therefore, as a matter of principal,

we should have the courage and duty to stand up and be counted. Joseph E. Fernandes Fernandes Super Markets, Inc. Republican Candidate for State Treasurer

PEABODY CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

Former Governor Endicott Peabody hailed the Massachusetts Senate for adopting the "Truth-in-Lending" bill and said passage of the model legislation could probably spark Congress into gaining approval of a similar federal measure.

Peabody, the Democratic convention endorsed candidate for the United States Senate, also praised the Massachusetts Consumers' Council, sponsors of the bill, for its vigorous efforts in behalf of the much-needed legislation designed to protect the consumers' rights.

The senatorial candidate established the Consumers' Council while he was governor in 1963.

Before leaving office, Peabody met with the council's board members in October, 1964, and urged the body to sponsor and seek passage of the "Truth-in-Lending" legislation. He also gained support of the banking industry.

In pointing to the federal legislation, Peabody displayed concern that the "Truth-in-Lending" bill has remained in the Senate Banking and Currency

Committee for the past six years despite repeated pleas from the White House and the Consumer Protection agencies.

"Consumer protection is vitally needed in the federal domain and credit abuse must be eliminated. Lenders of all types should be required by law to inform the public of the actual dollar and cents costs of borrowing money," Peabody declared.

Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski of Wisconsin tells the story of two brothers in his home district. One brother was valedictorian of his graduating class. He is serving in Viet Nam for \$78 a month. The other brother is a dropout who beat up his mother and his teacher. He is serving in the War on Poverty's Neighborhood Youth Corps and is getting \$200 a month.

Loan Vendor

A vending machine that lends money has been introduced in Japan. Bearers of special credit cards who are temporarily out of cash can insert the card in the machine and get back a cash loan of up to 20,000 yen (about \$55) to tide them over. The machine keeps the card which the borrower gets back if he pays off the debt promptly.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By Bill Chiba

The Worcester County of Sportsmen Clubs has voted to oppose the Division of Fisheries & Game proposal to issue permits for the taken of does at the public hearing to be held Sept. 9 at Westboro. Chief game biologist Bill Pollack of the Division says there's nothing unusual in the issuing of permits to take antlerless deer.

A survey of other states reveals that use of special permits to manage big game species is common throughout the country, 75 per cent of the states use some form of permit. Special permits are also being used to control hunting of turkeys as well as deer, elk, bear, and moose, and in the central part of the county, a special season on teal is by permit only.

Twenty-three states reported they issued permits for hunting of specific species. A regular state hunting license is required in order to be eligible to apply for the permit. The second most common use of permits is to control the numbers of hunters utilizing special areas. Eleven states report using permits to allow shooting of antlerless deer, as Mass. proposes.

In most cases, random drawing

either by computer or by the fishbowl technique is used to select permit holders without favoritism.

The Mass. deer situation was aptly described by H. D. Ruhl, chief of the game division in Michigan, when he explained Michigan's use of antlerless deer permits, "We have a surplus of deer greater than would be removed by a buck kill alone, but not great enough to allow a straight any-deer season."

Pollack says that is just the situation Mass. is attempting to meet with its proposal to limit killing of antlerless deer to those holding antlerless permits.

The Worcester County sportsmen are doubting "Thomases" and say that the drawing of the permits will be underhanded and only favored few will obtain the permits to hunt does. We say poppy-cock to that tone of thinking. We cannot see where the Director of the Division would gain anything by running a crooked drawing for the permits. He certainly is above suspicion and regarded on a higher plane by this corner than is indicated by the league in the middle of the state. The Director, Mr. Shepard, and his staff of biologists are trying to come up with a solution to the dilemma that the deer herd has slipped into. The people that the director is listening to are trained men in their respective fields and are being paid for their know how. The proposals that are before the sportsmen in the state are for the benefit of the hunter and drawn up to insure that there will be deer to hunt in the future. We say give the proposals a chance to work. Give the men a vote of confidence when you attend the hearing Sept. 9.

Van Nostrand Books has come up with another fine piece of know how and how to do bit of

reading in the book by Lenox Dick titled The Art and Science of Fly Fishing. Mr. Dick shares twenty-five years of trout-fishing experience in this unique book written for the man who wants to "catch trout" . . . not just read about others doing it.

Successful fly fishing is insured as the reader taken right to stream side and guided by the author in each maneuver.

The two most important things a fisherman must know, casting technique and water reading are presented here, including numerous illustrations.

Tackles and Flies are covered in two brief chapters and a valuable chapter on the study and preservation of insects is included; however, the major portion of the book is devoted to "how to fish."

Inland Wetlands

Commissioner of Natural Resources, Robert L. Yasi, who is also chairman of the Water Resources Commission, today hailed the enactment of the Commonwealth's first major step toward protecting the high value inland wetlands and flood plains.

Yasi referred to a legislative resolve signed into law this week, which authorizes the Dept. to survey the inland wetlands of Mass. with a view to protecting wetlands essential to the Commonwealth's natural resource conservation program.

Sunglasses At Night?

The Auto Club of Springfield warns that wearing sunglasses at night may look stylish, but if you're driving, it's extremely dangerous.

The Triple-A says that while sunglasses are very helpful in the daytime, at night they decrease the already limited amount of light reaching your eyes.

So, for safety's sake, take your sunglasses off when the sun goes down, advises the Auto Club.

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Speed killed or injured more than 1,570,000 persons in 1965.

Good Driving Must Be Practiced

Can you see well enough to drive safely? In case you have 20-20 vision, think a minute about what it means to "see."

A driver-training consultant with 30 years and a million accident-free driving miles of experience says, "Let's teach drivers how to see!"

Tests of nearly 1,000 drivers revealed that all accident-free drivers use almost identical "selective-seeing" methods.

The key to the problem lies in overcoming distractions:

Route—you have the route in mind, such as a turn, parking, or unparking, and fail to notice you're blocking traffic.

Mental—driving errors occur when you hurry, worry, get irritated at others or are bored, tired or lost in thought.

Scenery—if you watch any roadside scene or event too long, you're in for trouble. The distraction could range from a pretty girl to another traffic accident.

In-The-Vehicle—you pick up a cigarette just as something happens or stare at an insect on the windshield and forget the road ahead.

Unpracticed Driving—one in every four accidents involves a vehicle backing up. Very few drivers practice correct seeing when backing up. At least one of these distractions is usually present when an accident occurs.

The solution, summed up, is this: "Get the Big Picture. Keep Your Eyes Moving. Make Sure the Other Driver Sees You."

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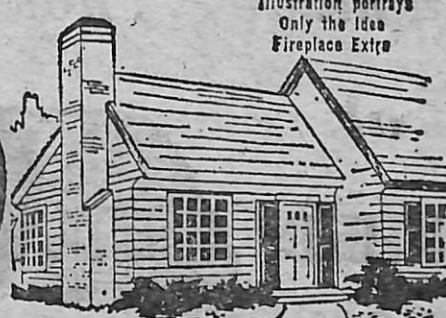


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1 Highly homburged, this venerable financier is:



- a) J. Pierpont Morgan
- b) John D. Rockefeller
- c) Commodore Vanderbilt

2 During the Mexican War, this young Lieutenant cut a dashing figure. Years later, he would be more easily recognized wearing a beard. He is:



- a) Colonel Buffalo Bill
- b) Ulysses S. Grant
- c) Walt Whitman

3 Although it looks like a comfortable sleeping cap, this fellow's hat meant he was a ruthless leader during the:



- a) French Revolution
- b) Sepoy Uprising
- c) Draft Riots of 1863

4 Wearing his famed "scrambled eggs" cap, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur conducted the signing of the Japanese Surrender:



- a) on Bataan
- b) in Pearl Harbor
- c) aboard the Battleship Missouri

ANSWERS

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'The Three Musketeers' Children's Show Saturday

A new musical version of the famous story of "The Three Musketeers" will be on the next children's show by the Pixie Judy Troupe at Storowton Music Fair, Saturday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

It will be the first presentation of the story in a musical version

anywhere in this area.

"The Three Musketeers" will be the 11th in the series of children's shows staged at the West Springfield tent theater-in-the-round by the Pixie Judy Troupe, the country's top professional producer of musicals designed for children but which have been found equally attractive to adults.

Viet Reds Use Dogs

The Viet Cong is using trained dogs to sniff out jungle ambushes, according to the official Vietnam press agency. It said a South Vietnamese militia platoon recently captured three of the dogs in Thua Thien, near the northern city of Hue.

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ALLEN AND ROSSI, RAY CHARLES

ORCHESTRA WEEK OF AUG. 29

The comedy team of Allen and Rossi, well known to television viewers, and the Ray Charles

orchestra and stage show have been added to the season's entertainment fare at Storowton Music Fair, according to Wally Beach, producer at the West Springfield tent theater-in-the-round.

Allen and Rossi will appear with Jane Morgan in the program "An Evening With Jane Morgan" which comes to the tent theater for a week starting Aug. 29, Beach announces. He said that television commitments will prevent Skitch Henderson and the "Tonight Show" orchestra accompanying Miss Morgan but another top band is being sought.

The Ray Charles Orchestra and stage show will be brought to Storowton for one performance only at 8 p.m. on Labor Day. Starting Sept. 6 and for the balance of the Labor Day week, feature attraction on the Music Fair stage will be Jimmy Dean and his country and western music show.

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

Juniors and S.A.L. Picnic Aug. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. They Juniors and Sons of Legion will may bring invited friends and be treated to a picnic on Sunday, relatives for a small fee.

Breathing Can Have Its Problems, Too

It seems like only yesterday when RD, or Respiratory Disease, was one of the least known types of disorder affecting human health. How dramatically this picture has changed is shown by a recent report from the Public Health Service in Washington. The PHS has responded to a wide upsurge of interest in RD by establishing a special Chronic Respiratory Diseases Branch.

There are solid reasons behind this, and they become glaringly visible if we look at current statistics showing the extent and continuing spread of respiratory disease during the last few years.

Figures reported by the National Health Survey, for example, show that about 14 million Americans now have asthma or hay fever, or both. The exact number of sufferers from emphysema is unknown, but new cases more than doubled between 1961 and 1965. The new case rate of chronic bronchitis shot up 80 per cent in the same period, bringing the total to more than three million.

Emphysema is characterized by a breakdown of the tiny air sacs of the lungs, which can make breathing a painful struggle. Chronic bronchitis, an inflammation of the lining of the bronchial tubes, caused 3,655 deaths in 1964—an increase of 90 per cent in five years.

The U. S. Public Health Service

is joining forces with the National Tuberculosis Association in a joint "task force" to plan a wide campaign against respiratory disease. The nub of the problem is expressed in the NTA's slogan: "Cough too much? Short of breath? You may have respiratory disease. See your doctor now." More detailed information is available in a number of leaflets on various phases of respiratory disease, offered free by your Christmas Seal organization.

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Bank Promotes Two

Promotion of William P. Simons from assistant cashier to assistant vice president, and Raymond J. Labbe to assistant cashier were announced by Russell B. Neff, president of Third National Bank of Hampden County.

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Sales Tax Revenue Far Short Of Goal

The Massachusetts sales tax, which Gov. John A. Volpe predicted would bring in \$150,000,000 yearly, has fallen short of its goal.

The Bay State has collected only \$22 million in sales taxes during the first three months after it went into effect. On this basis the Commonwealth would only get \$88 million from the tax, short about \$68 million.

Gov. John A. Volpe said the figures provide no cause for alarm. He contends that purchases during the final months of the year before Christmas will push the average monthly yield up to \$12 million.

But, the Democratic legislative leaders are planning a probe into the reasons for the failure of the sales tax to produce the hoped for revenue for the cities and towns.

The action was agreed upon by Senate President Maurice A. Donahue and House Speaker John F. X. Davoren following a leadership huddle.

The main thrust of the impending legislative investigation will be to determine whether the governors fiscal aides simply over-estimated the tax revenue, or whether many millions of dollars have been lost due to inefficient administration and leakage.

"Leakage" constitutes either a refusal by retailers to collect the tax, or the failure to turn the tax money over to the state after it is collected.

The probe could prove to be an important factor in the fight for the first four-year term as governor, provided it unearths evidence that huge sums are being lost through poor administration.

Word from the camp of Edward J. McCormack, Jr., endorsed for governor by the Democratic primary convention, is that the former attorney general hopes to use the failure of the sales tax to produce the expected revenue as a major campaign issue.

More than 327,800 school children in this state need some form of eye care, says the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Blindness. If a child constantly blinks, rubs the eye, squints excessively, or tries to brush away blur, it may mean there are eye problems.

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